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OLD TOWN

Now a Modern
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KNOWN AS

ROYAL SUBURB OF KANSAS CITY



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INDEPENDENCE, MO.

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INDEPENDENCE, Mo., is one of the oldest cities in the state, situated in a fertile region, once a gateway to the great West, and later the meeting ground of North and South. Her history has been told in story and song. Volumes might be written of the old Indian days at Ft. Osage, the Sante Fe trail and the '49ers, of plantation days before the war, and Order No. 11 when war-stricken homes were laid in ashes on the hills about the old town.

Independence was named in honor of the first steamboat that ever came up the Missouri River, and the first railroad west of the Mississippi River, built from Wayne City, the boat landing for Independence. Records show Independence a county seat in 1827. The site was selected for its forests of large trees and its many springs of pure cold water.

In 1907 the population was about 12000, not counting the suburbs of Englewood, Maywood and Mt. Washington. Pretty residences shaded by maple and elm trees, paved streets, a perfect system of sewerage, water works, electric lights, gas works, fine schools and many churches, make of Independence an ideal place to live in. A double track electric line runs to Kansas City. The government has purchased a lot one block west of Court House Square for the building of a \$50,000 Post Office.

In 1831, when still only a village, Independence was dedicated by Latter Day Saints as the City of Zion or center place for the Saints to gather for social and religious benefit. They were among the pioneers of making Independence a greater city, but even prior to the Civil War Jackson County was not wholly free from raiding parties, and the Saints were forced to leave, mainly because of their anti-slavery views. In 1867 they began to return to Independence and are now welcome by all.

Independence is located eight miles east of the business portion of Kansas City, with only about three miles between the corporate limits of the two cities. Therefore Independence is known as the "Royal Suburb of Kansas City." Kansas City, almost the geographical center of the United States, is not only the metropolis of the great South-west but the greatest interior city in America for its industries and railroads. Kansas City is noted for its beautiful homes, boulevards and parks and is the most American of cities. Independence enjoys the advantage of all this, but has a separate local government, daily papers of its own, and many industries employing several hundred men.

The elevation is 1046 feet above sea level and 826 feet above the level of the Missouri River. It is a cool, pleasant and healthful location.



COURT HOUSE, PRIOR TO AND DURING THE CIVIL WAR.



FIRST COURT HOUSE
BUILT OF LOGS IN 1827, NOW STANDING AT
ELEXINGTON ST.



OLD SANTA FE WAGON SHOP



SALEM CHURCH



COURT HOUSE FROM 1873 TO 1907.

THE SALEM CHURCH stands on a high point commanding a wide view. In a little cemetery in the rear of the church sleep many of its founders or their children. A marble tablet over the front door is inscribed :

"Constituted A. D. 1845.

Erected A. D. 1871.

It is appointed unto Men once to Die, but After this the Judgment. Traveler, Stop with Us."



ORDER NO. 11—CIVIL WAR.



MAIN STREET.

LIBERTY STREET (WEST SIDE OF SQUARE)

MASONIC BUILDING.

LEXINGTON STREET

BUSINESS STREETS OF INDEPENDENCE, MO.



THE NEW COURT HOUSE.



RESIDENCE STREETS OF INDEPENDENCE, MO.



LOOKING WEST FROM TOP OF COURT HOUSE.



LOOKING NORTH FROM TOP OF COURT HOUSE.



TYPICAL RESIDENCES.



First Presbyterian.

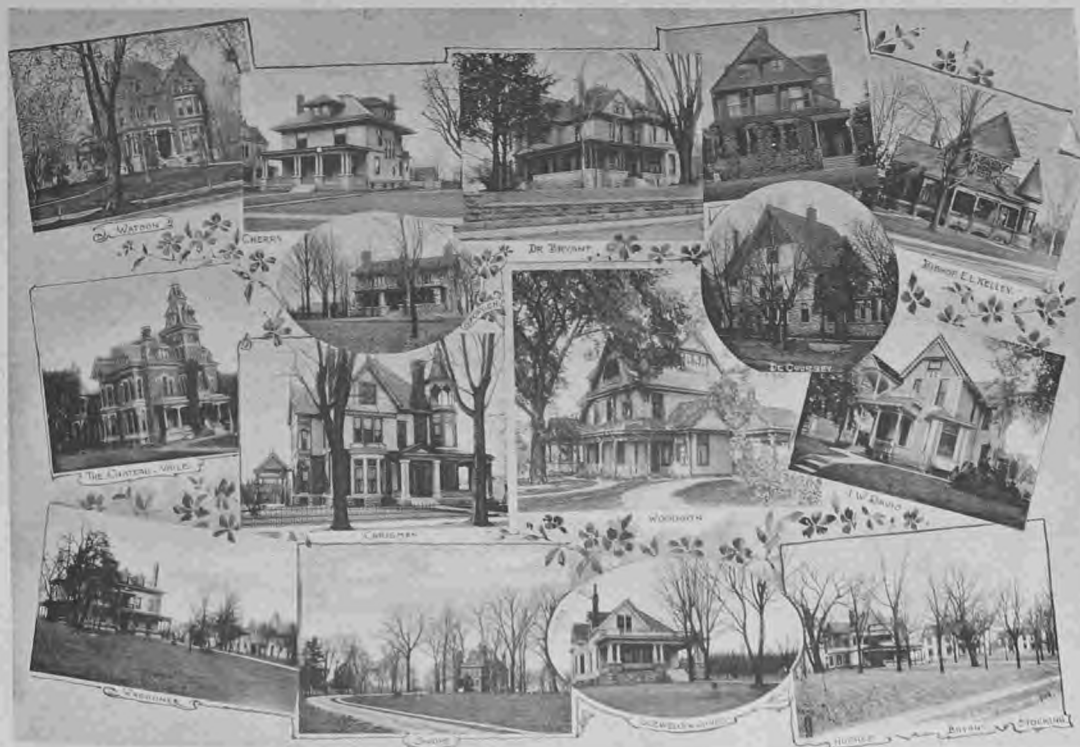


BAPTIST
CHURCH.



Watson Memorial M. E.

CHURCHES OF INDEPENDENCE, MO.



MANSIONS.



METHODIST (SOUTH)



CHRISTIAN



CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN,
LIBERTY STREET



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AND CATHOLIC CHURCH.



GERMAN M.E.

CHURCHES OF INDEPENDENCE, MO.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. CORNER STONE LAID MARCH 8, 1908. REORGANIZED JULY 4, 1835.



The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ makes the vindication that it is Christ's Church reorganized in these latter days with the same principles of the gospel as taught in the New Testament.

The word "Reorganized" is also the distinction made from the Mormons of Utah (Brighamites), who also call themselves "Latter Day Saints." But the doctrines of polygamy, secret buildings and practices, such as advocated by Brigham Young, are strongly against the belief of the Reorganized Church.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, LATTER DAY SAINTS.



SAINTS' SANITARIUM. (200 ROOMS.)



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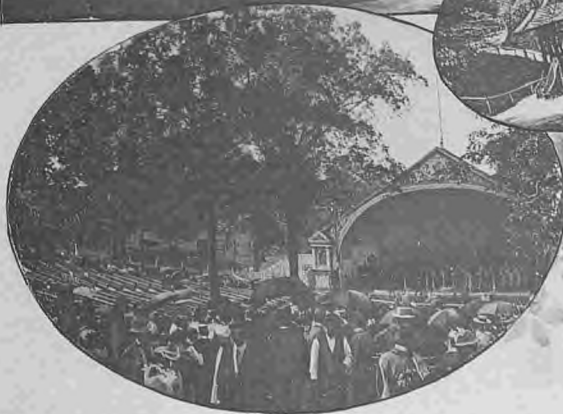
1000 BARRELS OF FLOUR PER DAY.
ELEVATORS HOLD 335,000 BLS OF
WHEAT AND CORN.



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OIL REFINERIES.



RADIUM SPRING.

FAIRMONT PARK—KANSAS CITY AND INDEPENDENCE, MO.



THE ROCK ROADS RUN IN EVERY DIRECTION, TAPPING THE WHOLE OF JACKSON COUNTY, THROUGH WHICH BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SCENES AND THE FINEST AGRICULTURAL LAND CAN BE SEEN.



Which is it?



MT. WASHINGTON



ROCK CREEK



LANDSCAPE

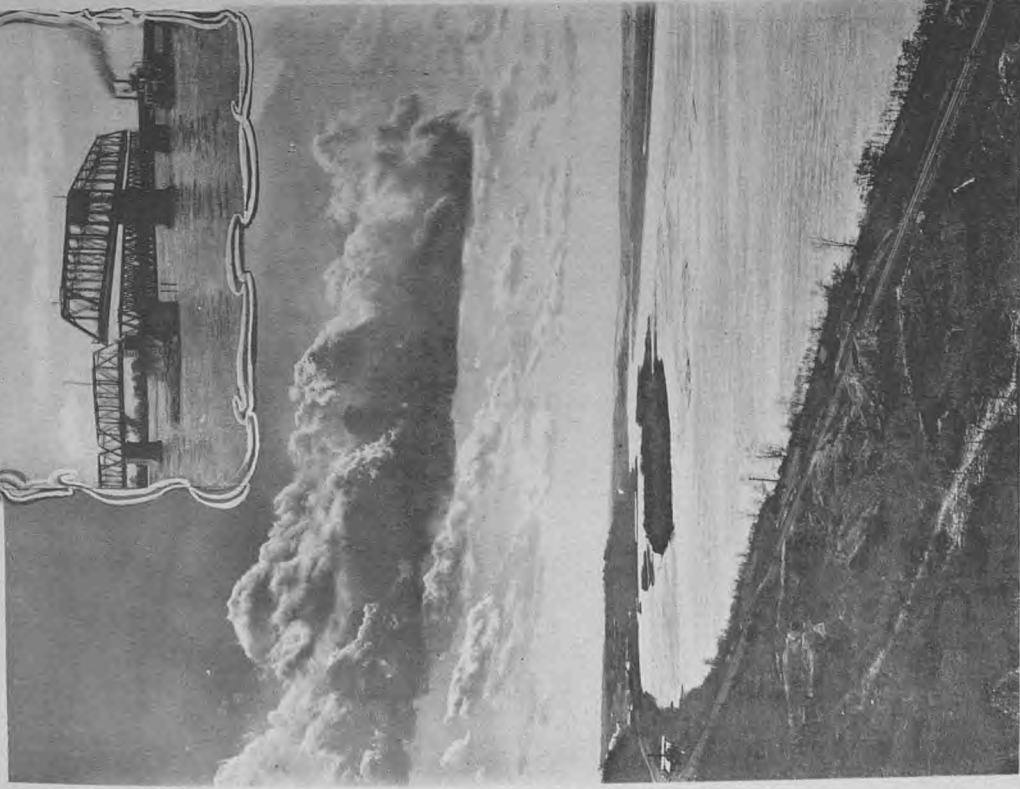


Snow



GUDDELL AND SIMPSON HEREFORD FARM,
FIRST HOME OF THE HEREFORD CATTLE

TYPICAL COUNTRY SCENES.



MISSOURI RIVER, TWO MILES NORTH OF INDEPENDENCE.

COURT DECISIONS.

Journal entry February term, Court of Common Pleas, Lake Co., Ohio, February 23, 1880. After a careful review leading up to the decision, the following opinion and decree are given:

***** "And the court do further find that the Plaintiff, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is the TRUE AND LAWFUL CONTINUATION of and successor to the said original church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, organized in 1830, and is entitled in law to all its rights and property."

While the following decision regarding the Temple Lot in Independence, Mo., was just as decidedly in favor of the Reorganized church, possession of the Temple Lot was lost by the Appellate Court's decision, not by setting aside the findings of the Circuit Court, but because of alleged lapse of time, the Appellate Court having decided that suit was filed too late.

The Circuit Court of the United States for the Western Division of the Western district of Missouri, in the suit for the possession of the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri. Decision by Judge John T. Phillips. March 16, 1894.

"Beyond all cavil, if human testimony is to place any matter forever at rest, this church [the original Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, organized 1830] was one in doctrine, government and purpose from 1830 to June, 1844, when Joseph Smith, its founder, was killed. It had the same federal head, governing bodies and faith. During this period there was no schism, no secession, no 'parting of the ways,' in any matter fundamental, or affecting its oneness."

"Decree will go in favor of Complainant."